



MINUTES
OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Meeting
January 5, 2010

MEMBERS, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Reg Dexter, District V, Council Chairman
Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mario Suarez, District III, Chairman Pro Tem
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Council met on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with all Council Members [except Mr. Suarez], Interim Administrator Gene Klugh, Thomas L. Martin County Attorney and Aaron Gadsby, Planning Department present.

Press:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconee.com/council]. In addition it was made available to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

Member of the press present: Ray Chandler - Anderson Independent, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio & Carlos Galarza - Daily Journal.

Call to Order:

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Martin led the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag.

Minutes:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 - 0 that the minutes from the December 15, 2009 regular meeting be adopted as printed.

Public Comment Session:

Ms. Susie Cornelius addressed Council regarding Ordinance 2009-26.

Mr. Berry Nichols addressed Council regarding Public Comment and the Council meeting schedules.

Mr. C. W. Richards addressed Council regarding Public Comment and the Audit Report.

Mr. Gary Littlefield addressed Council regarding Ordinance 2009-26.

Mr. B. J. Littleton addressed Council regarding Public comment.

Election of Council Officers:

Council Chairman:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 3 – 0 [Mr. Dexter abstained] to elect Mr. Reg Dexter as Council Chairman for 2010.

Council Vice Chairman:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 3 – 0 [Mr. Joel Thrift abstained] to elect Mr. Joe Thrift as Council Vice Chairman for 2010.

Council Chairman Pro Tem:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dexter, approved 4 – 0 [Mr. McCall abstained] to elect Mr. Wayne McCall as Council Chairman Pro Tem for 2010.

Appointment of Appointed Officials:

Clerk to Council:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 – 0 to re-appoint Ms. Elizabeth Hulse as Clerk to Council for 2009.

County Attorney:

Mr. Corbeil made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 5 – 0 to re-appoint Mr. Thomas L. Martin, McNair Attorneys as County Attorney for 2010.

Appointment of Council Committees by Council Chairman:

Budget, Finance & Administration

Transportation

Real Estate, Facilities & Land Management

Law Enforcement, Public Safety, Health & Welfare

Planning & Economic Development

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCall, approved 4 – 0 to approve Mr. Dexter's re-appointment of the Council Committee assignments and Committee Chairs [see attached].

Appointment of Council Representatives to Boards:

South Carolina Appalachian Council of Government [ACOG] Board of Directors:

Mr. Dexter appointed himself to serve as the Council representative to this board.

Upstate Alliance Board of Directors:

Mr. Dexter appointed Mr. Corbeil to serve as the Council representative to this board.

Oconee Alliance Board of Directors:

Mr. Dexter appointed himself to serve as the Council representative on this board.

Infrastructure Advisory Commission:

Mr. Dexter appointed Mr. Corbeil to serve as the Council representative to this Commission.

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thrift, approved 4 - 0 to affirm Mr. Dexter's appointments to the above boards and commissions.

Scheduling of Council Meeting Dates / Times for 2009:

County Council:

Mr. Dexter proposed for discussion changing the start time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for council meetings.

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 - 0 to set the 2010 Oconee County Council meeting schedule as follows:

- First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for public comment and the business meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers
- Third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for public comment and the business meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers

It was noted that discussions with School District are ongoing regarding coordination of meeting schedules so that the public can attend both meetings.

Council Committees:

Mr. McCall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 4 - 0 to ratify the existing Council Committee meeting scheduled [listing filed with these minutes].

Elliott Davis Audit / CAFR FY 08-09:

A representative from Elliott Davis reviewed with Council the FY 2008-2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Recovery Zone Facility Bonds:

A Representative from Legacy addressed Council regarding their request for \$2,000,000 in allocation of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds. Discussion followed.

Consideration of the Following Ordinances:


Ordinance 2009-26:

Mr. Thrift made a motion, seconded by Mr. Corbeil, approved 3 - 1 [Mr. McCall opposed] to approve on second reading Ordinance 2009-26 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR OCONEE COUNTY IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO".

Adjourn:

Mr. Thrift made a motion approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:



Elizabeth G. Hulse
Clerk to Council